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SUBJ: SENEGAL'S VIEWS ON UPPER VOLTA-MALI BORDER DISPUTE

REF: STATE 76032

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL I MET WITH YOUSSEPH SYLLA, CABINET DIRECTOR, SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTRY APRIL 16 TO DISCUSS STATUS OF EFFORTS MEDIATION COMMISSION TO RESOLVE UPPER VOLTA-MALI BORDER DISPUTE. SYLLA SAID GOS APPRECIATED USG CONCERNS AND WAS PLEASED WITH OUR POLICY IN FACE OF ARMS REQUESTS.

2. SYLLA SAID GOS WAS TRYING TO MOVE UPPER VOLTA-MALI DISPUTE TOWARD SOLUTION BY SUPPORTING EFFORTS OF BOTH QUADRAPARTITE MEDIATION COMMISSION AND THROUGH PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH PRESIDENTS LAMIZANA AND MOUSSA TRAORE. SYLLA FEARED COMMISSION NOT MAKING MUCH PROGRESS AS EVIDENCED BY SETBACKS SUCH AS UPPER VOLTA
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FONMIN'S DEPARTURE FROM LOME MEETING. NEVERTHELESS,

COMMISSION GROUP SUBSEQUENTLY HAD GONE TO OUAGADOUGOU
TO TRY TO REASON WITH LAMIZANA. IN ADDITION MILITARY
COMMISSION IS VISITING BOTH UPPER VOLTA AND MALI.

3. SYLLA BELIEVED BORDER DISPUTE HIGHLY CHARGED BY
STRONG EMOTIONS FELT BY LEADERS OF BOTH UPPER VOLTA AND
MALI AND FURTHER COMPLICATED BY INTERNAL POLITICAL
PROBLEMS THESE LEADERS FACED IF EITHER WERE TO MAKE
CONCESSIONS. HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT A SOLUTION
COULD EASILY BE FOUND.

4. AS OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, I WILL ATTEMPT
ASCERTAIN FURTHER DETAILS WITH REGARD TO UPPER VOLTAN-
MALIAN NEGOTIATIONS FROM OTHER GOS OFFICIALS INVOLVED
WITH WORK OF MEDIATION COMMISSION.
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